

# The #1 Channel: LOVE

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1 Cor. 13:1-3

The Holy Spirit &  
Spiritual Gifts Series











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1 Corinthians

12: The giving of spiritual gifts

13: The channel of spiritual gifts

14: The proper exercise of spiritual  
gifts

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Theme:

Let love be the #1 guide  
for the use of our spiritual gifts.

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## 1. Speaking gifts

without love mean nothing

## 2. Strengthening gifts

without love achieve nothing

## 3. Serving gifts

without love contribute nothing

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1. Speaking gifts without love mean nothing.

- Languages without love mean nothing (v.1)
- Prophecy without love means nothing (v.2)

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“Tongues” = languages

Acts 2

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## Acts 2:5-11

“...And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language....

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## Acts 2:5-11

... And they were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these Galileans which speak? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?...

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...Par'thi-ans, and Medes, and E'lamites, and the dwellers in Mesopota'mi-a, and in Judea, and Cappado'cia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phryg'i-a, and Pamphyl'i-a, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyre'ne, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.”

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1. Speaking gifts without love mean nothing.

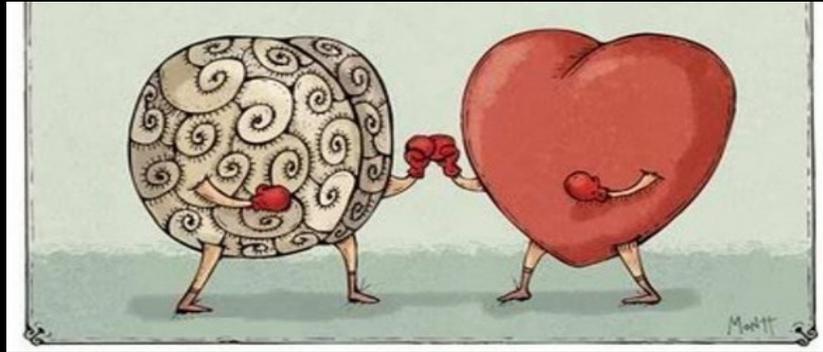
- Languages without love mean nothing (v.1)
- Prophecy without love means nothing (v.2)

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2. Strengthening gifts without love achieve nothing.

- Knowledge without love achieves nothing (v.2)
- Faith without love achieves nothing (v.2)

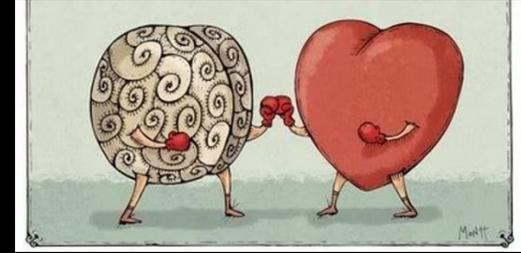


# Knowledge vs Love

1 Cor. 8:1-3

# Knowledge vs Love

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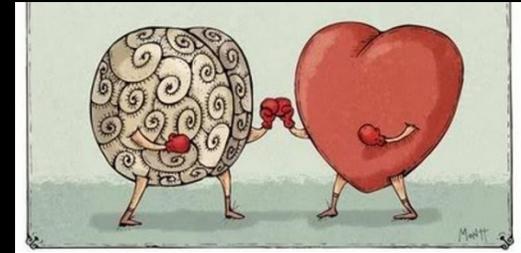


- Thrust (8:1-3)

Knowledge alone is insufficient.

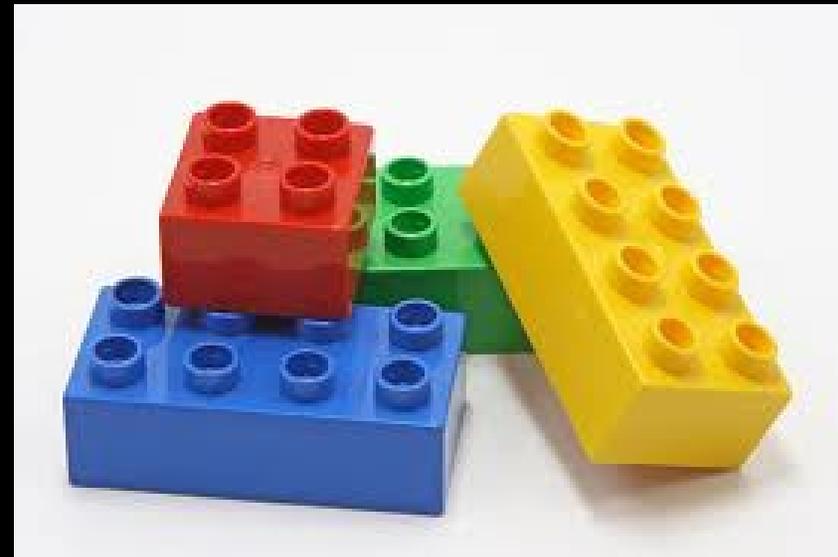
Love must guide the application of knowledge.

# Knowledge vs love



1 Cor 8:1

Knowledge puffs up but love builds up



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2. Strengthening gifts without love achieve nothing.

- Knowledge without love achieves nothing (v.2)
- Faith without love achieves nothing (v.2)

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## ■ Matthew 17:20

“...for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.”

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3. Serving gifts without love contribute nothing.

- Mercy without love contributes nothing (v.3)
- Martyrdom without love contributes nothing (v.3)

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Jesus Loves me this I know

For the Bible tells me so

Little ones to Him belong

They are weak but He is strong

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Yes Jesus Loves Me

Yes Jesus Loves Me

Yes Jesus Loves Me

The Bible tells me so.

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Jesus Loves me He who died  
Heaven's gates to open wide  
He will wash away my sin  
Let his little child come in.

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Yes Jesus Loves Me

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## 1 Corinthians 13

### 5. The Prominence of Love

- # 1 Channel (v.1-3)

### 6. The Properties of Love

- Marks of True Love (v.4-7)

### 7. The Permanence of Love (v.8-13)